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49/25. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War

The General Assembly,

Recalling that 1995 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War, which brought untold sorrow to mankind,

Stressing that this historic event established the conditions for the creation of the United Nations, designed to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Solemnly reaffirming the resolute commitment of all Member States to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the obligations which they assumed as Members of the Organization,

Stressing also that remaining legacies of the Second World War should be overcome and that all Member States should cooperate in creating a new environment of international harmony,

Considering that the Member States should make every effort to put an end to the existing armed conflicts, to prevent the emergence of such conflicts in the future and to settle disputes arising exclusively by peaceful means in conformity with the Charter and in such a manner that international peace, security and justice are not endangered,

Stressing further that it is in the common interests of mankind to promote actively the role and efficiency of the United Nations as a central element of the collective security system and as an effective instrument for the maintenance of international peace and security,

1. Proclaims the year 1995 as World Year of Peoples' Commemoration of the Victims of the Second World War;

2. Calls upon all States and peoples solemnly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War;

3. Decides to hold a special solemn meeting on 18 October 1995 in commemoration of victims of the War;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures for the implementation of the present resolution.

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